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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to lamps and clothing required for the
- 2 operation of bicycles, providing penalties, and making
- 3 penalties applicable.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.385A, Code 2020, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **321.385A Citation for unlighted headlamp, rear lamp, ~~or~~ rear**
4 **registration plate light, or bicycle lamp.**

5 1. *a.* A citation issued for failure to have headlamps
6 as required under [section 321.385](#) shall first provide for a
7 ~~seventy-two-hour~~ seventy-two-hour period within which the
8 person charged with the violation shall replace or repair the
9 headlamp.

10 *b.* A citation issued for failure to have rear lamps as
11 required under [section 321.387](#) or a rear registration plate
12 light as required under [section 321.388](#) shall first provide for
13 a ~~seventy-two-hour~~ seventy-two-hour period within which the
14 person charged with the violation shall replace or repair the
15 lamps or light.

16 *c.* A citation issued for failure to have a front or rear
17 lamp on a bicycle or on a bicycle rider as required under
18 section 321.397 shall first provide for a seventy-two-hour
19 period within which the person charged with the violation shall
20 replace or repair the lamp.

21 2. If the person complies with the directive to replace
22 or repair the headlamp, rear lamps, ~~or~~ rear registration
23 plate light, or bicycle lamp within the allotted time period,
24 the citation shall be expunged. If the person fails to
25 comply within the allotted time period, the citation shall be
26 processed in the same manner as other citations.

27 3. A citation issued under [this section](#) shall include
28 a written notice of replacement or repair which shall
29 indicate the date of replacement or repair and the manner in
30 which the replacement or repair occurred and which shall be
31 returned to the issuing authority within the ~~seventy-two-hour~~
32 seventy-two-hour time period.

33 Sec. 2. Section 321.397, Code 2020, is amended to read as
34 follows:

35 **321.397 Lamps on bicycles.**

1 ~~Every~~ At any time from sunset to sunrise, a bicycle shall
 2 be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a steady
 3 or flashing white light, ~~at the times specified in section~~
 4 ~~321.384~~, visible from a distance of at least three hundred
 5 feet to the front, and every bicycle or bicycle rider shall
 6 be equipped with a lamp ~~on the rear~~ exhibiting a steady or
 7 flashing red light visible from a distance of three hundred
 8 feet to the rear, ~~except that a red reflector may be used in~~
 9 ~~lieu of a rear light~~. A peace officer riding a police bicycle
 10 is not required to use either front or rear lamps if duty so
 11 requires.

12 Sec. 3. Section 321.423, subsection 2, Code 2020, is amended
 13 by adding the following new paragraph:

14 NEW PARAGRAPH. *k.* A flashing white or red light equipped on
 15 a bicycle operating on a highway pursuant to section 321.397
 16 is permitted.

17 Sec. 4. Section 321.423, subsection 7, paragraph a,
 18 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2020, is amended to read as
 19 follows:

20 Except as provided in section 321.373, subsection 7, and
 21 subsection 2, paragraphs "i", and "k" of this section,
 22 a flashing white light shall only be used on a vehicle in the
 23 following circumstances:

24 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. **321.434A Bicycle riders —**
 25 **high-visibility or reflective clothing required.**

26 A person riding a bicycle on a highway with a speed limit of
 27 forty-five miles per hour or more, other than for the purpose
 28 of crossing the highway at a crosswalk, shall wear clothing
 29 and equipment which together contain at least one hundred
 30 forty-four square inches of high-visibility or reflective
 31 material visible to the rear of the bicycle. This section
 32 does not apply to a person riding a bicycle as part of an
 33 organized bicycle riding event involving five hundred or more
 34 bicycle riders at which one or more certified peace officers
 35 are providing traffic control and direction.

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